BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On a request from them, a Grade-III officer of CIS has been deputed for appointment on deputation with Press Trust of India Ltd., New Delhi for a period of one year on foreign service terms. This would also benefit the Doordarshan in the long run as the concerned officer would acquire useful expertise in this field.

Refusal of Maharashtra to purchase of wheat for Rural Employment Programmes

450. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government refused to purchase wheat from the Central Government for utilising it in food for work programme or for giving it as part of wages to rural worker employed in employment guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what quantity was offered to the Maharashtra Government and in what period and on what terms;

(c) whether any other State Governments have also refused to purchase wheat for similar schemes from the Central Government; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) Position of wheat stocks in the country being comfortable, it was decided to utilise 1 million tonnes of foodgrains as an additive under NREP/RLEGP during the year 1985-86. The share of Maharashtra of the additive wheat provided to the States/UTs. free of cost came to 79900 MTs. (39950 MTs. under NREP and 39950 MTs. under RLEGP). Government of Maharashtra did not accept this wheat for the reason of non-acceptability of the wheat amongst the workers in the State. Other States/UTs. which did not accept the additive wheat for the same reason are Manipur, Meghalaya and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Goa, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Mizoram and Pondicherry.

Survey to detect Subletting of Government Accommodation

451. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding subletting of Government quarters and garages by the Central Government employees in New Delhi in the last two years-1984-1985 and 1985-1986;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases of subletting detected so far; and

(c) what steps Government are taking for prevention of subletting of Government accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The total number of cases during the period where subletting has been detected is 2612.

(c) Directorate of Estates are making random survey for detecting subletting in Government quarters time and again. In addition to this, specific complaints received in this Directorate are also attended to. Even anonymous/psydonymous complaints are also attended to. In this regard Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions in consultation with the Ministry of Urban Development have issued an order on 6th March, 1986 declaring subletting an offence under Conduct Rules governing the Central Government employees.